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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: REPORT OF 78TH PLENARY 3/10/76

ROUND VI - TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 115

1. SUMMARY: MOROKHOV SAID ANALYSES OF WORK FOR LAST MONTH AND HALF SHOW THAT ALTHOUGH SOME PROGRESS MADE, NOT MUCH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. STOESSEL RESPONDED TO MOROKHOV'S MARCH 9 STATEMENT. MOROKHOV SAID QUESTION OF RADIO LINKS SHOULD NOT CAUSE DIFFICULTIES. EXTENSIVE, BUT INCONCLUSIVE, RAMBLING DISCUSSION OF POSSESSION OF EQUIPMENT POST-SHOT. MOROKHOV SAID SOVIETS AGREED TO RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF OBSERVERS IN YIELD RANGE 100-150 KT, BUT SAID PRINCIPLE IS THAT OBSERVERS PRESENT ONLY AT INVITATION OF HOST PARTY. END SUMMARY.

2. MOROKHOV OPENED MEETING WITH STATEMENT THAT HIS MARCH 9 ANALYSIS OF WORK FOR LAST ONE AND ONE-HALF MONTH SHOWED SOME PROGRESS, BUT "WE HAVE NOT ACHIEVED MUCH".

3. FOLLOWING STOESSEL RESPONSE TO MOROKHOV MARCH 9 SPEECH, (SEPTEL), MOROKHOV MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(A) QUESTION OF RADIO LINKS BEING EXAMINED, BUT SOVIETS SEE NO DIFFICULTIES WITH ARRIVING AT SOLUTION. PROBLEM IS VERY TECHNICAL AND REQUIRES TIME TO STUDY.

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(B) SOVIETS SAID THEIR PROVISION OF CHOICE OF EQUIPMENT NOT ONE OF "CHANCE" BUT BASED UPON THOROUGH, TECHNICAL UNDERSTANDING AND CAREFUL SELECTION OF EQUIPMENT BY PARTY CARRYING OUT THE EXPLOSION. STILL REQUIRE 10-DAY INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION PRE-SHOT, BUT CAN ACCEPT PRESENCE OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL. SOVIETS CANNOT ACCEPT US INTRODUCTION OF POST-SHOT PROCESS OF CHANCE PROCEDURE. IN FACE OF IT, SOVIETS MAY RETURN TO PREVIOUS POSITION INVOLVING HOST PARTY UNACCOMPANIED EXAMINATION OF EQUIPMENT.

(C) MOROKHOV SAID RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL FOR YIELDS OF 100-150 KT IS AGREED TO BY SOVIET SIDE, BUT DISAGREEMENT IS THAT SOVIETS INSIST OBSERVERS BE PRESENT ONLY AT INVITATION OF HOST AND US INSISTS OBSERVER PRESENCE SHOULD BE A RIGHT.

4. STOESSEL REPEATED THAT VERIFYING SIDE ALSO HAS CONCERNS ON POSSIBLE ALTERATION OF EQUIPMENT BY HOST PARTY. US SOLUTION IS TO USE ELEMENT OF CHANCE CHOICE POST-SHOT TO DETERMINE WHICH TWO SETS OF RECORDING COMPONENTS IS TURNED OVER TO HOST.

5. MOROKHOV REPLIED THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL NOT BASED ON CHANCE, BUT TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE. MORE IMPORTANT, MAIN QUESTION, HE SAID, WAS NOT CHOICE OF EQUIPMENT AFTER EXPLOSION, BUT THAT SOVIETS WANT ALL EQUIPMENT AFTER EXPLOSION, NOT ONLY RECORDER. (STOESSEL POINTED OUT THAT SOVIET FEB 16 TEXT PROVIDED THAT ONLY "COMPONENTS OF EQUIPMENT USED FOR DATA RECORDING" -- NOT ALL EQUIPMENT -- BE RETAINED BY HOST PARTY POST-SHOT. MOROKHOV SEEMD PERPLEXED.) MOROKHOV SAID LENGTH OF TIME FOR EXAMINATION NOT MAJOR QUESTION AND CAN BE WORKED OUT.

6. STOESSEL ASKED IF SOVIETS STILL PROPOSING THAT TWO SETS OF EQUIPMENT BE DELIVERED AND SELECTION MADE BETWEEN THEM UPON ARRIVAL, WITH NO DEMONSTRATION.

7. MOROKHOV REPLIED THAT HOST CHOOSES ONE SET OF EQUIPMENT AND EXAMINES IT IN PRESENCE OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL FOR TEN DAYS. DIFFERENCE IS THAT SOVIETS EXAMINE WORKING EQUIPMENT FOR TEN DAYS. HE SAID THAT SOVIETS EXPECT DOCUMENTS WITH EACH SET OF EQUIPMENT GIVING ITS INDIVIDUAL CHARACTERISTICS. HOST CHOOSES SET BASED ON TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE GAINED WITH FAMILIARIZATION SET AND THESE DOCUMENTS.

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8. STOESSEL REVIEWED US POSITION ON CHOICE OF EQUIPMENT POST-SHOT. SAID IT MOST EQUITABLE SINCE BOTH SIDES HAVE ACCESS TO EQUIPMENT PRIOR TO THAT POINT.

9. MOROKHOV SAID EQUIPMENT CONSIDERATIONS TECHNICALLY COMPLEX AND SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY EXPERTS IN PLENARY OF SEPARATE MEETING. STOESSEL AGREED WITH QUALIFICATION THAT EXPERT DISCUSSIONS TAKE

PLACE IN PRESENCE OF HEADS OF DELEGATION.

10. PLENARY TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION MARCH 11 AT 10:30

11. REGARDING PARA 5, DELEGATION REQUESTS TECHNICAL RATIONALE BY 0800 MARCH 11 MOSCOW TIME AS TO WHY PORTION OF EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN THE ONE SET OF COMPONENTS OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT CANNOT BE TURNED OVER TO CUSTODY OF HOST FOR SOME SPECIFIED PERIOD AFTER EXPLOSION. RATIONALE IN PARA 4 STATE 35571 APPEARS TO BE PERTINENT ONLY TO COMPONENTS OF EQUIPMENT USED FOR RECORDING AND NOT APPLY TO OTHER PORTIONS OF EQUIPMENT. IF INTENT IS THAT THIS RATIONALE APPLY TO ALL EQUIPMENT, PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER ARGUMENTS THAT CAN BE USED IN ITS DEFENSE.
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